GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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POPULATION OF BACKWARD CLASSES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the data regarding total population of other backward classes and the number of OBC persons living below the poverty line in the country is available with the Government;

(b) if not, whether in the absence of vital data, the Government is able to fix targets for its various welfare schemes for OBCs; and

(c) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) The targets for the various welfare schemes are fixed in accordance with the budgetary allocations.